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# MINUTES

OF THE

# SENTER CONVENTION,

ASHE COUNTY, N. C.

1853.

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Elder S. STAMPER preached an introductory sermon.

The churches from the Mountain Association, Big Helton, Silas Creek, South Fork, Senter and Cranberry; and from the Three Fork Association, Bear Creek, Beaver Creek, North Fork and Horse Creek, having been dismissed by the Mountain and Three Fork Associations, at their annual meetings in 1853, to form a new Association, met by their respective delegates in convention with the Senter church, the 21st day of October, 1853.

Organized the Convention by appointing Elder N. M. SENTER, *Moderator*, and JOHN REVES, *Clerk*.

Appointed one brother from each church, to wit: J. W. Hardin, A. McMillan, S. Stamper, L. Grimsley, R. Kilby, William Weaver, P. Roberts, Jno. Poe and G. Patrick, with the Moderator and Clerk, a committee to arrange the meeting for to-morrow; and said committee is instructed to draw off the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith, and have them ready for inspection by to-morrow.

On motion, the delegates of Senter church assigned preachers for to-morrow, to wit: S. Stamper, R. Kilby, A. Powers and T. Woody.

After prayer by G. Patrick, adjourned till to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22nd, 1853.

Met according to adjournment. After prayer by the Moderator, proceeded to business.

On motion, received the report of the Committee of Arrangements, and discharged the Committee.

Then, on motion, the Clerk proceeded to read the Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith, which were received and adopted by the Convention, and the Clerk appointed to transcribe the same in an Association Book, and that the Articles of Faith be put in the minutes as reported by the committee.

1st. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2nd. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4th. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will ability.

5th. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God, shall never fall finally away.

6th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances; and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment; and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9th. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the gospel, except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

Appointed J. W. Hardin, Wm. Weaver and A. McMillan, a Committee of Finance, who reported that they had received from the Churches, $10 90; and left in the hands of the Treasurer for printing the minutes $5 00; set apart $3 00 to purchase a book for the Association; and allowed the Clerk $2 90 for his services, and they were discharged.

On motion, appointed Elders L. Grimsly, R. Kilby and N. M. Senter, corresponding messengers to the Three Fork Association, for the purpose of raising a correspondence with that Association; and that br. P. Roberts write the corresponding letter for inspection.

Appointed br. A. McMillan to purchase a book for the Association.

The delegates of Senter church appointed R. Kilby, S. Stamper, A. Powers and N. M. Senter, to preach on Lord's-Day.

Then appointed the Clerk Treasurer, and to prepare the minutes for the press and that he have 300 copies struck and distributed among the churches.

Appointed our next Association to be held with the South Fork church, Ashe County, N. C. Elder J. H. Vannoy to preach the introductory sermon, and G. Patrick his alternate. The Association to commence on Friday before the 3rd Lord's-Day in September next.

The corresponding letter to the Three Fork Association was read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Convention be tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their kindness to us during our session.

After prayer by the Moderator, adjourned to time and place above named.

N. M. SENTER, *Moderator.*

JOHN REVES, *Clerk.*

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| CHURCHES. | DELEGATES. | No. of mem. | Contributions |
|---|---|---|---|
| Horse Creek, | Nathaniel Ward, Solomon Perry, Jno. Poe | 66 | $1 2 |
| South Fork, | L. Grimsley, J. Stirgill, D. Stirgill, | 44 | 1 25 |
| Bear Creek, | G. Patrick, John Oliver, - - - | 62 | 1 10 |
| North Fork, | Solomon Ham, Z. Elrith, Wm. Weaver, | 47 | 1 25 |
| Cranberry, | Solomon Stamper, John Reves, | 107 | 1 25 |
| Senter, | N. M. Senter, A. McMillan, A. Dickson, | 82 | 1 25 |
| Silas Creek, | N. Stuart, P. Roberts, J. Stuart, | 66 | 1 10 |
| Big Helton, | R. Kilby, A. Powers, J. Weaver, | 93 | 1 25 |
| Beaver Creek, | J. W. Hardin, A. Elrod, | 50 | 1 25 |
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# MINUTES

OF THE

FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# Senter Baptist Association,

CONVENED WITH

## SOUTH FORK CHURCH,

ASHE COUNTY, N. C.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1854.

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# MINUTES.

1st. Elder JNO. H. VANNOY preached the introductory sermon from the 1st Book of Genesis, the 28th chapter and 12th verse.

2d. Received letters and delegates from all the churches in our Association, when the following table was prepared.

3d. Proceeded to organize the Association by appointing Elder NATHANIEL M. SENTER, *Moderator*, and JOHN REVES, *Clerk*.

4th. Invited corresponding messengers, when the following from the Three Fork Association came forward with a letter and minutes, to wit: Elders Jacob Faw and Larkin Hodges, who received the hand of fellowship, took seats, and aided us in council.

5th. Invited transient preachers to a seat with us, when Elders Geo. Douglass, Joshua Long, Henry Vanover and Daniel Cawdle, came forward, were received, and took seats and aided in council.

6th. Called on corresponding messengers, who were appointed last year to the Three Fork Association, who reported satisfactorily and were discharged.

7th. On motion proceeded to raise a correspondence with sister Associations, as follows: Washington, Mountain, Roaring River and Lewis Fork. And appointed Andrew McMillan, John Poe, and Alexander Elrod, a committee to appoint corresponding messengers to the sister Associations, who reported as follows:

To the Washington, Elders N. M. Senter and Lowry Grimsley; to the Three Fork, Elders Jno. H. Vannoy, and Reuben Kilby; to the Mountain, Elders N. M. Senter, Tarlton Wooddy and Jacob Koons; to the Lewis Fork, Elder Jno. H. Vannoy, and br. Andrew McMillan; and to the Roaring River, Elders Tarlton Wooddy and Jno. H. Vannoy; the corresponding brethren to write their own letters, and ordered to assign the Moderator's and Clerk's names to them, and discharged the committee.

8th. Appointed Jno. H. Vannoy, L. Grimsley, R. Kilby, A. McMillan, Alex. Elrod and Jno. Poe, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements; and invited corresponding messengers and transient brethren to sit with them.

9th. The delegates of the South Fork Church appointed Elders Jacob Faw, Enoch Reves, Larkin Hodges, and Reuben Kilby, to preach on to-morrow.

10th. After prayer by Elder George Douglass, adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. After prayer by the Moderator, proceeded to business.

1st. The Committee of Arrangements reported, and was discharged.

2d. Appointed Jas. W. Hardin, Andrew McMillan and Newel Stuart, a Committee of Finance, who report that they have received from the churches in contributions, $12 67; from A. McMillan $2 25; Total $14 92. Paid to corresponding brethren $2 20; allowed the Clerk $3 00; left in the hands of the Treasurer for printing minutes $9 72; and discharged the committee.

3d. On motion districted the Association as follows: The 1st district to be composed of South Fork, Cranberry and Senter churches. The 2d district, Bear Creek, Beaver Creek and North Fork churches. And 3d district, Big Helton, Horse Creek and Silas Creek churches.

4th. Appointed Union Meetings as follows: 1st, with the Cranberry Church, Ashe Co., N. C., to commence on Friday before the 3rd Saturday in May next; and J. H. Vannoy, N. M. Senter, L. Grimsley and R. Kilby, are appointed to attend. 2nd, with the Big Helton Church, Grayson Co., Va., to commence on Friday before the 3d Saturday in June next; and T. Woodby, J. Koons, N. M. Senter and L. Grimsley are appointed to attend.

5th. Took up the question presented by the committee of Arrangements in the following words: What is to be done when a preacher has been regularly ordained by an authorised presbytery, and before the presbytery makes out and signs the credentials, part of the presbytery dies?

6th. *Answer.* In all cases of ordination, where any one of the presbytery have deceased before the credentials are written and delivered to the person ordained, the surviving presbytery shou ld write the credentials and sign their names, and also state the name of the deceased presbytery that aided in the work, giving the day and date of said ordination. And the Clerk of the Church, by an order of the Church, should certify that the deceased presbytery was present and aided in the work, agreeing thereto, the day and date of the ordination being set forth in the Clerk's certificate.

We, as an advisory council, advise the churches, hereafter, where ordinations take place in their churches, to spread a copy of the same on their Church Book.

7th. Ordered that the Clerk be appointed Treasurer, and superintend the printing of the Minutes, and have 400 copies struck and distributed as heretofore.

8th. The delegates from South Fork Church, with one delegate from each section, appointed Elders L. Hodges, J. Long, George Douglass and E. Reves, to preach on Sabbath.

9th. Appointed our next Association to be held with the Beaver Creek Church, Ashe County, N. C., 3 miles south of Jefferson; to commence on Friday before the 3rd Lord's-Day in September next. Elder T. Wooddy to preach the introductory sermon; and N. M. Senter his alternate.

10th. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Association be tendered to the brethren and friends of this vicinity, for their kindness and hospitality to us during our session.

11th. After admonition and prayer by Elder George Douglass, adjourned to time and place above named.

N. M. SENTER, *Moderator.*

JOHN REVES, *Clerk.*

## LORD'S-DAY.

The stand was filled each day by those appointed; and there was in attendance a large and attentive congregation of people, who seemed in general to be anxious to hear the word preached. Our laboring brethren seemed to be greatly drawn out for the wellfare of sinners, and sinners were made to cry out, what shall we do to be saved. The audience in general seemed to be deeply affected, and we believe that there was much and lasting good done in the name of the Holy Child, Jesus; and that the labors of our preaching brethren will be remembered in eternity.

# STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

| CHURCHES. | NAMES OF DELEGATES. | Baptised | Rec'd by Lett. | Restored | Dis'd by Lett. | Excluded | Deceased | Total | Contributions $ | c |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horse Creek, | Nathan Ward, Solomon Perry, John Poe, | 1 | 2 | | 6 | 4 | | 59 | 1 | 50 |
| Cranberry, | Elder T. Wooddy, William Cox, John Reves, | | | | | | 4 | 103 | 1 | 50 |
| Bear Creek, | David Houke, John L. Miller, | | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 59 | 1 | 15 |
| Senter, | Elders N. M. Senter, Jacob Koons, br. A McMillan, | 8 | | | 1 | 2 | | 90 | 1 | 50 |
| Silas Creek, | Reson Jones, N. Stuart, Pryer Roberts, | 5 | 5 | | | 3 | | 73 | 1 | 50 |
| South Fork, | Elder L. Grimsley, James Stirgill, David Stirgill, | | 1 | | 3 | 4 | 1 | 37 | 1 | 27 |
| Big Helton, | Elder R. Kilby, Andrew Powers, | 3 | 1 | | 6 | | 1 | 89 | 2 | 00 |
| North Fork, | Solomon Ham, Z. Eldrith, William Weaver, | | 1 | | 4 | 1 | | 43 | 1 | 00 |
| Beaver Creek, | Elder John H. Vannoy, J. W. Hardin, A. Elrod, | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 50 | 1 | 25 |

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# MINUTES

OF THE

## SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

## Senter Baptist Association,

CONVENED WITH

**BEAVER CREEK CHURCH,**

ASHE COUNTY, N. C.,

On Friday, September 14th and 15th, 1855.

SALEM, N. C:

L. V. BLUM, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.

1855.

# FORM OF A CHURCH LETTER.

*STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,——COUNTY.*

We the Baptist Church of Christ, at———have chosen our beloved brethren —— —— —— our delegates. Our statistics are as follows: By Experience and Baptism,———; by Letter,———; by Recantation,———; Dismissed by Letter,———; Excluded,———; Dead,———; Total No.———; Church Meetings,———; Post Offices,———; Pastors,———; Ordained Preachers,———; Licentiates,———.

Done the——Saturday in——185—.

# MINUTES.

1st. Elder Tarlton Woody preached the introductory sermon from St. Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians, 15th chap., and last verse.

2nd. Received and read letters from all the churches in our union.

3d. Organized the Association by appointing Elder NATHANIEL M. SENTER, *Moderator*, and JNO. REVES, *Clerk*.

4th. Opened a door for the reception of newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed by letter, into our union, when Grassy Creek Church, from the Mountain Association, and New River, a newly constituted church, came forward with letters and delegates, and were received, and the hand of fellowsh p given their delegates, and took seats with us.

5th. Called for corresponding messengers from sister Associations, when the following came forward: From the Three Fork Association, Elders Jno. A. Farthing and Jesse Farmer; from Roaring River Association, Elders John Owen and Joshua Long; from the Mountain Association, Elder Enoch Reves;—all producing letters and a pack of their minutes, were received, and the hand of fellowship given them, and they took seats and aided in counsel. Also received a letter and Minutes from Lewis Fork Association, but no Messenger.

6th. Moderator appointed Newel Stuart, Andrew McMillan and Jas. W. Hardin, a committee to appoint corresponding messengers to sister Associations, who reported as follows: To the Mountain Association, Elders L. Grimsley and N. M. Senter; to the Three Fork Association, Elders T. Woody and L. Grimsley; to the Lewis Fork Association, Elders J. H. Vannoy and N. M. Senter; and to the Roaring River Association, Elders R. Kilby, J. Koons, J. H. Vannoy and br. R. Jones.

7th. The delegates of Beaver Creek Church assigned preachers for to-morrow, as follows: 1st, John A. Farthing; 2nd, Joshua Long; 3d, Enoch Reves; 4th, Jesse Farmer.

8th. Appointed L. Grimsley, A. McMillan, T. Woody, J. W. Hardin and R. Kilby, a Committee of Arrangements, with the Moderator and Clerk, and invited corresponding Messengers to sit with them.

9th. After prayer by J. Koons, adjourned till to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

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## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 1855.

Met according to adjournment. After prayer by the Moderator, proceeded to business.

1st. Read the report of the Committee of Arrangements, and discharged the committee.

2nd. Called the roll of delegates.

3d. Read the Rules of Decorum and Constitution.

4th. Invited transient preachers to a seat with us, when the following brethren came forward, to wit: Jacob Faw, Jas. Parsons, Jesse Austin, Andrew Powers, William Hall, Wm. Wilcox and Squire Tribitt, who took seats with us.

5th. Appointed J. W. Hardin, A. McMillan and David Stirgill, a Committee of Finance, and they to call on the Treasurer of last year. And the Committee reported that they had received in contributions from the churches, $18 75; and from the treasurer, $2 72.—Total, $21 47. Left in hands of the Treasurer $9 00; allowed the Clerk for his services $3 00; distributed to corresponding Messengers, $9 47; and discharged the committee,

6th. Attached New River church to the 3rd section, and Grassy Creek church to the 1st section of the district of the Association.

7th. Called on the brethren to report, who were appointed to attend Union Meetings last year,—who reported satisfactorily.

8th. Appointed Elders J. H. Vanoy and T. Woody, to attend a Union Meeting with the Grassy Creek Church, commencing Friday before the 2nd Srturday in July next. And Elders L. Grimsley and N. M. Senter, to attend a Union Meeting with the North Fork Church, commencing Friday before the 2nd Saturday in July next.

9th. Took up the question from Big Helton Church, in the following words:—*Question:* What does it take to organize a church to do business, to receive members, or exclude?—*Answer:* We think no church is properly organized to do business without first prayer being made by some ordained authority or some other person, and a Moderator and Clerk appointed, and the Church in union.

10th. Took up the question from Beaver Creek Church, and answered in the negative:—*Question:* Is it right to exclude a member by a majority of the Church, or how shall a church proceed if one or more objects to the exclusion?—*Answer:* If there is not a oneness among the members, a committee should be sent for to assist in the case.

11th. Took up the request from the Cranberry Church, as follows:—*Dear Brethren:* We have to say, with deep regret, that we lost the former pastor of our church, to wit, Elder Solomon Stamper, to whom we hope the Association will pay the proper respect. Whereupon the Association appointed Tarlton Woody and Jno. Reeves, to draw up a short biography of the life and public character of the said Solomon Stamper, decd., who presented letter A.

12th. Took into consideration the necessity of a form of a Church letter, which was adopted.

13th. The Association requested all the laboring brethren to attend each church in our bounds at least one time in the year, and request the different churches to be more liberal in the contribution to the Association; laboring brethren requested to report to next Association.

14th. Appointed the Clerk Treasurer, and to superintend the printing of the minutes, and have 450 copies struck and distributed as heretofore.

15th. The delegates from Beaver Creek Church, with one delegate from each section, appointed Elders J. Long, J. A. Farthing, N. M. Senter, J. Owens, and L. Grimsley, to fill the stage on Sabbath.

16th. Appointed our next Association to be held with the Big Helton Church, Ashe co., N. C., commencing on Friday before the 3d Lord's-day in September next; and N. M. Senter appointed to preach the introductory sermon, and L. Grimsley his alternate.

# STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

| CHURCHES. | COUNTIES. | POST OFFICES. | Ord. Minis. | NAMES OF DELEGATES. | Baptized. | Restored. | Rec. by Lett. | Dis. by Lett. | Excluded. | Deceased. | Total. | Contributions $ | Contributions C |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Beaver Creek, | Ashe, | Jefferson, | 1 | Elder J. H. Vannoy, Jno. Ray, J. W. Hardin, | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 49 | 2 | 00 |
| Big Helton, | Grayson, Va. | Manly, | 1 | Elder R. Kilby, Elijah Baker, W. D. Bowldin, | | | 1 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 75 | 1 | 50 |
| New River, | Ashe, | Manly, | | Edward Barker, J. Bowldin, J. Stuart, | 1 | | 11 | | | | 23 | 1 | 03 |
| Horse Creek, | " | Jefferson, | | N. Ward, Solomon Perry, John Ham, | 14 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 72 | 1 | 50 |
| Silas Creek, | " | Manly | | Reason Jones, Newel Stuart, P. Roberts, | 2 | | 2 | 20 | | | 55 | 1 | 47 |
| North Fork, | " | North Fork, | | Solomon Ham, William Weaver, | | | | | | 1 | 40 | 1 | 00 |
| Bear Creek, | " | Jefferson, | | David Hauk, J. L. Miller, John Oliver, | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 56 | 1 | 25 |
| South Fork, | " | Nathan's Creek, | 1 | Elder L. Grimsley, D. Stirgill, James Gambill, | 12 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 50 | 2 | 00 |
| Senter, | " | " " | 2 | Elders N. M. Senter, J. Koons, A. McMillan, | 4 | | | | 3 | 1 | 88 | 3 | 00 |
| Grassy Creek, | " | Mouth Wilson, | | C. Thompson, H. Peak, Wm. B. Smith, | 3 | | 3 | | 1 | 1 | 45 | 1 | 00 |
| Cranberry | " | Laurel Springs, | 1 | Elder T. Woody, Wm. Cox, John Reves, | 19 | | 5 | | | 1 | 126 | 3 | 00 |
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# MINUTES

OF THE

# FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# Senter District Baptist Association,

## Convened with the Bear Creek Church,

**Ashe County, N. C.,**

*The 24th and 25th days of September*, 1858.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, 1858.

1st. Elder TARLTON WOODY, preached the introductory sermon, from Isaiah, 54th chapter and 13th verse: "And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord," &c.

2nd. Received letters from all the churches, and minuted the account.

3rd. The Association was organized bysappointing Elder NATHANIEL M. SENTER, *Moderator*, and JOHN REVES, *Clerk*.

4th. Invited correspondents from sister Associations, when the following came forward with letters and minutes, viz: From the Three Fork, Elders J. A. Farthing and D. C. Harman. From the Lewis Fork, Elder A W. Vannoy. From the Washington, Elder E. C. Hopkins and br. James Cole. From the Mountain, Elder William Lunday. All were kindly received and the hand of fellowship given them, and seated and aided us in council.

5th. Invited transient preachers of our faith and order: When Elder James McNeil, from the Lewis Fork, and J. A. Hagerman from the Three Fork Associations, accepted and seated with us.

6th. Appointed John Ray, Newell Stuart, and Andrew McMillan, a committee to appoint corresponding messengers to the sister Associations, who report thus: To the Mountain, Elders T. Woody and N. M. Senter. To the Washington, Elders R. Jones and N. M. Senter To the Three Fork, Elders R. Kilby, N. Phillips and A. Powers To the Roaring River, Elders Lowry Grimsley, R. Jones and John Adams. And the corresponding brethren appointed t corresponding letters for inspection by to-morrow.

7th. Appointed Wm. Cox, Alexander Elrod, and P. R the delegates from this church, a committee to arrange during this session. They report for to-morrow: 1 ing; 2nd, A. W Vannoy; 3rd, E. C. Hopkins;

8th. Appointed a Committee of Arrangement noy, A. McMillan, A. Elrod, R. Kilby, and Moderator and Clerk, and invited correspo to-morrow. 10

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, 1858

The Association met according to adjournment. After prayer by the Moderator, proceeded to business.

1st. Read the report of the Committee of Arrangement, which was received, and the Committee discharged.

2nd. Called for corresponding messengers: when Elders Tobias Long and John Owens, from the Roaring River Association, came forward with a letter and minutes, and were gladly received, and the hand of fellowship given them, seated, and aided us in council.

3rd. Invited transient preachers to seats with us: Elders Wm. H. Phillips and James Parson accepted and seated with us.

4th. Called the names of Delegates.

5th. Read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

6th. Appointed Andrew McMillan, Newell Stuart, and Alexander Elrod, a Committee of Finance, who report that they have received in contribution from the churches $24 00; left in the hands of the Treasurer, $8 00; distributed to corresponding messengers, $13 00; allowed the Clerk for his services $3 00; and the committee discharged.

7th. Called for the letters to sister Associations to be read, when those appointed to the Mountain and Roaring River Associations, were read and accepted; and those to the Washington and Three Fork had not prepared their letters, and were excused, and authorized to write letters and assign the Moderator's and Clerk's names.

8th. Called on the corresponding brethren who were appointed to sister Associations last year, who reported and were discharged.

9th. Called on brethren who were appointed last year to attend Union Meetings, who reported and were discharged

10th. Took up the request from the Grassy Creek Church, in the following words: Dear Brethren: There is a growing evil in our land, that we request you to consider and adopt some means whereby it may be remedied; there are some members of the churches that are making and selling spirits, and spoiling the youths of our country, and bringing disgrace on the cause of religion.

11th In answer to the request from the Grassy Creek church we, as an advisory council, advise our churches that if any member or members use too much ardent spirits, after the first admonition, should be expelled without sending for them. Also, if any member should make or buy spirits, and allow a drunken crowd to drink at their house or still-house, so as to constitute a disorderly house, we advise our churches to exclude them.

12th. Received the report of the committee that was appointed to confer with the committee from the Mountain Association, which was appointed last year, and received the plan or platform with the clause, reading: That the school shall be governed by the Baptist of our faith and order. And discharged the

Elders J. H. Vannoy and R. Kilby to attend a
the South Fork church, commencing Friday be-
June, 1859; and Elders R. Jones and N.
the North Fork church, commencing Friday
July 1859.

14th. Took into consideration the minutes, and our correspondence with the Lewis Fork Association, and dropt correspondence with her for the present.

15th. Appointed the Clerk Treasurer, and to superintend the printing of the minutes, and that he have 500 copies struck and distribute them as usual.

16th. Appointed the next Association to sit with the Silas Creek church, Ashe County N. C., 10 miles North of Jefferson, commencing Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1859. Elder L. Grimsley appointed to preach the introductory sermon; and Elder N. M. Senter, his alternate.

17th. The committee appointed to arrange the ministry, report for Sabbath, as follows: 1st, D. C. Harman; 2nd, T. Long; 3d, J. Owens; 4th, N. M. Senter.

18th. *Resolved*, That we thank the Lord for the kindness shown to us during our session.

19th. After admonition by the Moderator, and prayer by Elder J. Owens, adjourned to time and place.

N. M. SENTER, *Moderator.*

JOHN REVES, *Clerk.*

## FAITH OF A HEROINE.

On the 19th of August, 1858, I was sent for to visit a sick lady by the name of MARY ARNEL. She desired to hear me preach, and I endeavored to do so. I then asked her how her situation was concerning death. She replied, that she felt that the Lord had pardoned her sins. I went home. On the 21st she sent for me again. When I went, she requested me to baptize her. She said she wanted to follow Jesus what few hours she had to live in this world, if I would wait on her as much as to baptize her. I then opened a door for Silas Creek church, and she told a christian experience, and was received. Her situation was very low, with the dropsy, so that she could not stand on her feet. She was swelled to such a size that she filled a large arm chair into which she had been placed. While I was making preparation to baptize her, some persons tried to persuade her not to be baptized; for if she did, she would never draw another breath in this world. But she would not believe them. They then tried to persuaded her, if nothing else would do, but to be put under the water, that her face be left out of the water, or that it be covered with a handkerchief. But she would not agree to be baptized in any other way than to be dipped all over in the water.

Then I took her in the chair, by the aid of brethren A. Powers, Stuart, and J. Thompson, and baptized her in the creek, by im sion. When she was brought up out of the water, she had a s her face, rejoicing and praising God. She then requested down on the bank of the creek, among the people, and I have done what the Lord has commanded me to do. am ready to go, I feel better than I have felt in a mo horted the people to prepare for death.

She had a very wicked husband;—she bid him him to prepare to meet her and his child in h

She left the world on the 25th day of the and three small children.

# STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

| CHURCHES. | CO'TY. | POST OFFICES. | PASTORS. | Saturdays. | Ord. Preach. | Licentiates. | DELEGATES' NAMES. | Baptized, | Rec. by Let. | Restored | Dis. by Lett. | Excluded, | Deceased | Total, | Contributions $ | c. |
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| Cranberry, | Ashe, | Laurel Spring, | T. Woody, | 3 | 1 | | T. Woody, Wm. Cox, Jno. Reves, | | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 2 | 140 | 3 | 30 |
| Old Fields, | " | Gap Creek, | J. Faw, | 4 | 2 | | J. Faw, N. Phillips, P. Hartzog, | 2 | | 1 | 5 | 1 | | 41 | 1 | 55 |
| Horse Creek, | " | | | 1 | | | Solomon Perry, John Poe, | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 59 | 2 | 00 |
| New River, | " | Helton, | R. Jones, | 1 | | | E. Barker, J. Eller, | 11 | | 1 | 2 | | | 38 | 1 | 50 |
| North Fork, | " | Jefferson, | Vannoy & Jones | 2 | | | S. Ham, J. Ham, Wm. Weaver, | 6 | | | | | 2 | 48 | 1 | 50 |
| Big Helton, | " | Helton, | Kilby & Powers, | 3 | 2 | | R. Kilby, A. Powers, J. Thompson, | 17 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 93 | 2 | 00 |
| Silas Creek, | " | " | R. Jones, | 4 | 1 | | R. Jones, N. Stuart, P. Roberts, | 1 | | | | | 1 | 45 | 1 | 50 |
| Bear Creek, | " | South Fork, | | 1 | | 1 | David Houk, J. L. Miller, J. Oliver | 1 | | | 2 | 1 | 3 | 55 | 1 | 00 |
| South Fork, | " | Chesnut Hill, | L. Grimsley, | 4 | 1 | | James Gambill, David Stirgill, | 3 | | | 1 | 3 | 1 | 58 | 1 | [illegible] |
| Grassy Creek, | " | Weaver's Ford, | | 2 | | 1 | B. M. Weaver, Wm. B. Smith, | | 2 | | | 2 | | 35 | | [illegible] |
| Senter, | " | Nathan's Creek | N. M. Senter, | 2 | 2 | | N. M. Senter, J. Koons, A. McMillan, | | 1 | | | 2 | | 78 | | [illegible] |
| Beaver Creek, | " | Beaver Creek, | J. H. Vannoy, | 3 | 1 | 2 | J. H. Vannoy, John Ray, A. Elrod, | 3 | | 1 | | 2 | | [illegible] | | |
| Bethlehem, | " | Jefferson, | | 1 | | 1 | J. Adams, N. B. Ballow, | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | |
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# MINUTES

OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

# Senter District Baptist Association,

**Convened with the Silas Creek Church, Ashe Co., N. C., on the 23d and 24th days of September, 1859.**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd, 1859.

1st. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder LOWRY GRIMSLEY.

2nd. After a short intermission, the delegates assembled at the meeting-house, and were called to order by Elder N. M. Senter, by singing and prayer.

3d. Read letters from all the churches, from which the following table was annexed.

4th. The Association was organized by appointing N. M. SENTER, *Moderator*, and JNO REEVES, *Clerk*.

5th. Invited corresponding messengers from sister Associations, when the following brethren came forward with letters and a pack of their Minutes, to wit:—From the Roaring River, Elders Tobias Long and Wm. Hall; from the Three Fork, Elders A. C. Farthing and Joseph Harrison; from the Washington, Elder Charles Hopkins and br. Andrew McClure,—all of whom were gladly received and the hand of fellowship given them, and seated and aided in council.

6th. Appointed Andrew McMillan, Alexander Elrod and Ed. Barker, with the delegates from Silas Creek Church, a committee to arrange the ministry during this meeting.

7th. Appointed J. W. Hardin, A. McMillan and Jno. Thompson, a Committee to appoint Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations.

8th. The committee who were appointed to arrange the Ministry, report, for to-morrow, as follows: 1st, Elder C. Hopkins; 2nd, Eld. A.C.Farthing; 3rd, Eld. T.Long; 4th, Eld. Wm. Hall.

9th. Appointed brethren to write corresponding letters to sister Associations: Jno. Reeves to the Three Fork; A. McMillan to the Washington; P. Roberts to the Roaring River; and T. Woody to the Mountain,—and have them ready for inspection by to-morrow.

10th. Appointed A. Elrod, L. H. Vannoy, A. McMillan, T. Woody, and J. W. Hardin, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements; and invited the correspondi[ng] messengers to sit with them.

11th. Prayer by Elder Wm. Hall. Adjourned til[l] row, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, 1853.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator, and proceeded to business.

1st. Called on the Committee of Arrangements, who reported and were discharged.

2d. Called the names of delegates.

3d. Read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

4th. Appointed A. McMillan, Jas. Gambill, and N. Stewart, a Committee of Finance, who report that they have received in contributions from the Churches $25 50; allowed the Clerk $3; set apart $2 50 for the purchase of an Association Book. Left in the hands of the Treasurer, $8 65. Distributed to corresponding brethren $11 80, and discharged the committee.

5th. Called on the corresponding brethren who were appointed to sister Associations to report, who reported satisfactorily and were discharged.

6th. Called on brethren who were appointed to attend Union meetings to report, who reported satisfactorily and were discharged.

7th. Appointed a Union meeting with Beaver Creek Church, commencing Friday before the 3d Saturday in July next: Elders N. M. Senter, L. Grimsley, R. Kilby, and P. Jones to attend; and one with Big Helton Church, commencing Friday before the 3d Saturday in June next: Elders J. H. Vanoy, T. Woody, J. Koons and D. Houk, to attend.

8th. The brethren who were appointed to write corresponding letters to sister Associations proceeded to read them and were received, and the brethren discharged.

9th. Considered the necessity of a new Association Book, which was agreed to, and appointed the Clerk to transcribe all the work out of the Old Book into the new one, and to call to his assistance any person he may choose.

10th. Appointed corresponding brethren to sister Associations, as follows: To the Mountain, Eld. N. M. Senter and L. Grimsley; to the Washington, Elders L. Grimsley and N. M. Senter; to the Three Fork, Elders T. Woody and R. Kelby; to the Roaring River, Elders R. Jones and J. H. Vannoy.

11th. Took up the question from Beaver Creek church:—*Question.*—How shall we receive members that belong to the churches in the Jefferson Association?

12th. *Answer.*—We advise our churches to receive all that rent off from them and joined the Jefferson Association, by acknowledgement. Those that have joined that Association and have been baptized by those who we believe to be in disorder, must come in by Experience and Baptism.